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The NASA Lunar Science Institute Cooperative Agreement Notice (CAN) will be released late spring 2008. The release of this Cooperative Agreement Notice (CAN) is an opportunity for the submission of team-based proposals for membership in the Institute. The first round of NLSI teams will be selected and funded by late 2008.

International Partnerships

The NASA Lunar Science Institute is developing a partnership program with other international science organizations to provide collaborative opportunities for its researchers within the global science community. International partners are invited to participate in all aspects of the Institute's activities and programs, on a no-exchange-of-funds basis.

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The logo for the NASA Lunar Science Institute. It features the word "NASA" in white, followed by "LUNAR" in blue, "SCIENCE" in blue, and "INSTITUTE" in white. The background of the left side of the page shows a large, detailed image of the Moon in the upper left and a smaller image of the Earth in the upper right, both set against a dark space background with stars.

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The NASA Lunar Science Institute is a new organization that supplements and extends existing NASA lunar science programs. Supported by the NASA Science Mission Directorate (SMD) and the Exploration Systems Mission Directorate (ESMD), the NLSI is managed by the NASA Ames Research Center and is modeled on the NASA Astrobiology Institute (NAI), with dispersed teams across the nation working together to help lead the agency's research activities related to NASA's lunar exploration goals. Competitively selected team investigations will focus on one or more aspects of lunar science -- investigations of the Moon (including lunar samples), from the Moon, and/or on the Moon.

NASA LUNAR SCIENCE INSTITUTE THE SCIENCE

- 1 **OF THE MOON:** Investigations of the nature and history of the Moon (including research on lunar samples) to learn about this specific object and thereby provide insights into the evolution of our solar system.
- 2 **ON THE MOON:** Investigations of the effects of the lunar environment on terrestrial life and the equipment that supports lunar inhabitants, and the effects of robotic and human presence on the lunar environment.
- 3 **FROM THE MOON:** Use of the Moon as a platform for performing scientific investigations, including observations of the Earth and other celestial phenomena that are uniquely enabled by being on the lunar surface.

NASA LUNAR SCIENCE INSTITUTE MISSION

Advance the field of lunar science by:

- 1 carrying out and supporting collaborative research in lunar science, investigating the Moon itself and using the Moon as a unique platform for other investigations;
- 2 providing scientific and technical perspectives to NASA on its lunar research programs, including developing investigations for current and future space missions;
- 3 supporting development of the lunar science community and training the next generation of lunar science researchers; and
- 4 supporting Education and Public Outreach by providing scientific content for K-14 education programs, and communicating directly with the public.